

## **Alternative Auto Fuel**

Propane v. LNG, CNG, Electric, Hybrid



## **Autogas Is Safe**

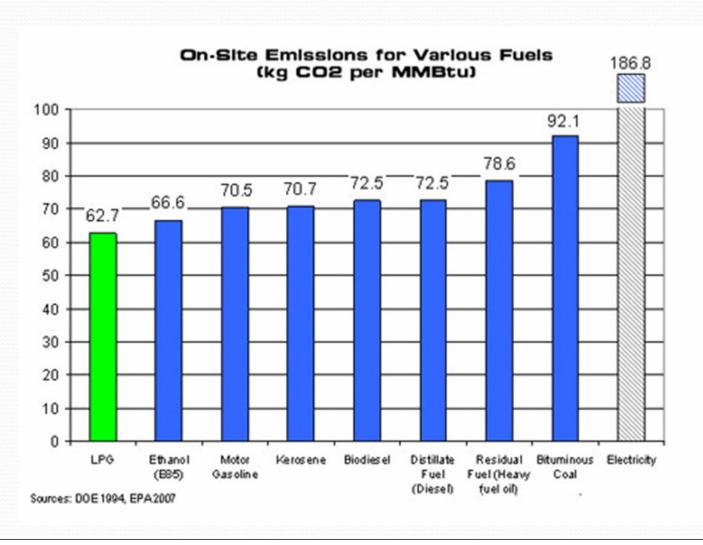
- Not only is propane an efficient, responsible, alternative fuel, but it is just as safe as gasoline.
- Propane is non-toxic.
- No risk to groundwater, surface water or soil
- Operator education is the key to safety.

## **Gaining Popularity**

Future of Alternative Automotive Fuels

- Higher Efficiency
- Cleaner Burning/Lower Emissions
- Lower Fuel Costs
- Lower Maintenance Costs
- Domestic Stability

### **Cleaner and Greener**



## **Domestic Fuel Consumption**

•Gasoline 37% of Petroleum products are domestic

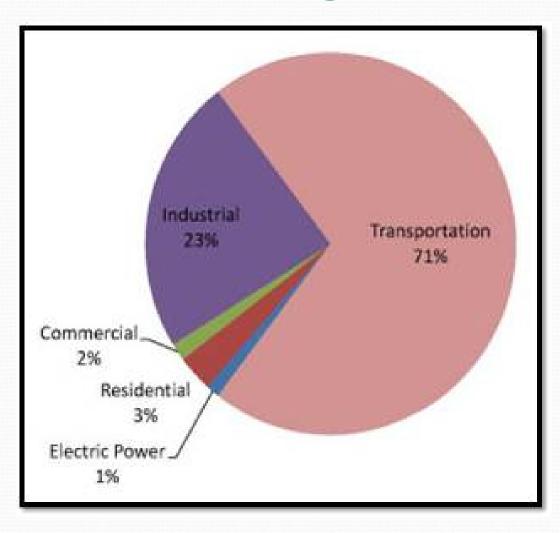
Natural Gas88% of NG is domestic

Propane90% of LPG is domestic7% from Canada

## **Price Stability**



## Reliance on Foreign Oil



## Filling Stations - Cost

• Gasoline: \$15,000 +

• CNG: \$500,000 +

• LNG: \$1,000,000 +

• Propane: \$12,000+

(Typically no cost to customer)

## **Filling Station Locations**

- **CNG** Must be within natural gas service area
- LNG Only 10 filling stations in North America
- **Propane** Anywhere a delivery bobtail can be driven

## **Filling Stations**



# Centralized LPG Refueling Advantages

- Single fuel bill, single price.
- No receipts to keep track of/get lost.
- Less wasted time at the gas station.
- No fuel loss propane cannot be stolen.

## Vehicle Range

• Electric:

+/- 100 miles

• CNG, Plug-In Hybrid:

+/- 300 miles

• Hybrid:

+/- 600 miles

• LNG, Propane:

Similar to comparable diesel/gasoline

#### **Ease of Installation**

• Propane conversions can be retro-fitted.

• Natural Gas, Electric and Hybrids must be energyspecific at time of manufacture.

## **Truck Engine Power**

•CNG, LNG: 250-320 hp

• Electric: 160-180 hp

Propane: 110% power of gasoline or diesel

#### **LPG Maintenance**

- Propane-powered engines require routine maintenance similar to their gasoline or diesel counterparts.
- No special certification required for mechanics to work on propane engines.
- Long-term benefits include fewer broken down parts, cleaner internal components, an estimated double in lifetime expectancy.

#### **Drawbacks**

- **Electric** Diminished vehicle range, diminished freedom, very slow charge time, lack of creature comforts, luxury options.
- **Hybrid** Reliance on gasoline as primary fuel, expense of initial purchase cost.

#### **Drawbacks**

- Natural Gas Expense of filling stations, finite range, diminished power, extremely slow to fill, high cost (vehicle/parts).
- Propane Lack of infrastructure, public perception of safety.

#### **Federal Motor Fuel Tax**

Gasoline	18.5
Diesel	24.4
PROPANE	18.4

<sup>\*</sup> State taxes applying to motor fuel will vary.

## **Propane Gas Act of 2011**

#### Tax Credits:

- Vehicles 50-80% of cost of vehicles/equipment
- Stations 30% of cost, up to \$30,000.
- Fuel 50 cents per gallon

## Average Federal Tax Credits for Other AFV's

• Electric -

\$7,500

• Plug-In Hybrid - \$7,500

• Hybrid -

\$2,200

• Diesel -

\$1,300

• CNG -

\$4,000

#### **US DEPT. OF ENERGY**

Alternative Fuels & Advanced Vehicles Data Center

www.afdc.energy.gov/afdc/

• Federal, State and Local Incentives.

#### **More Incentives**

Non-taxable status is exempt from fuel tax.

Free parking on city streets.

#### Roush CleanTech







## **Propane Buses**



## LPG Lawn Care Equipment



#### **Gasoline Lawn Care**

- 18,000 gallons/year lost to "spillage"
- Lawnmowers account for 10% of air pollution in the US
- 1 lawnmower pollutes roughly as much per hour as a 1940's automobile.

## **Propane Lawn Care**

- Reduce airborne pollution by 70-80%
- Zero "spillage"
- Easy refueling:
  - Cylinder exchange
  - Bulk deliveries

## **LPG Opportunities**

- Airports
- Law enforcement
- Buses and taxis
- Local/long-distance ground transport
- Anyone interested in capitalizing on the public recognition of being a progressive, "green" company.